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Mandatory Graduation Subject Of Controversy

By Randy Hunt

Sophomore students planning to receive their diploma or degree from Clatsop Community College are faced with a mandatory graduation policy. This policy states that any student wishing to receive his diploma and degree must attend the graduation ceremonies. If a student does not attend, he therefore forfeits his diploma until a time when he may petition to receive it the following year.

There is one remedy, however, for those students who cannot attend the graduation ceremonies. They may write a letter to the Academic Council stating the reason for not being able to attend, and if it is a valid reason, they will then receive their diploma by mail or some other means.

Policy Questioned

Some students, however, are questioning this policy. They are asking why they must attend a graduation ceremony to receive a degree they have worked hard for and earned.

There are two sides to the matter, however.

Last year the Academic Council paid for the diplomas and the CCC Student Council decided that the student body would pay for the caps and gowns. As of this writing, however, the student council, along with Jewell Manspeaker, is still trying to work out some kind of arrangement for this year's graduation fees.

Those students questioning the matter say that the students pay for their tuition, books and education. Now the Academic Council is telling them what the must do to get their degree, after they have already earned it.

A large part of the tuition of CCC students, however, is paid by the state and county.

Students Polled

During the CCC student elections a student poll was taken to determine how many students were for and how many against mandatory graduation. Results are not yet available.

Not receiving an associate degree, however, does not mean

that the student will not receive his transcripts.

During a discussion with CCC president, Phillip Bainer, Bainer said, "There is no way we can deny a transcript to any student to show the credits he has earned." He went on to say that at some schools, such as Oregon Technical Institute, an associate degree certificate is needed for the student to be put into the advanced junior courses.

Ceremony Labeled "A Farce"

President Bainer also said that it was the decision of the campus affairs committee, made up of students, to make graduation mandatory.

Why was graduation made mandatory?

"When you have from 60 to 80 students graduating and only 20 show up, the ceremony turns into a farce," said Bainer. He said the original purpose for mandatory graduation was probably to "swell the ranks."

Bainer also said that as long as he could remember, attendance at graduation ceremonies has been mandatory.

Nine Represent Clatsop At OCCSA Convention

Nine students from Clatsop College attended the Oregon Community College Student Association convention in Bend last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The convention was held to elect new officers and finish the organization's Constitution.

The convention then centered on small workshops that concentrated on a variety of topics ranging from the value of athletics to the continuation of student newspapers. Delegates from Clatsop felt these workshops were worthwhile.

Attending from Clatsop were: Kent Israel, student body president; Steve Widmer, student body vice president; Shawn Kochonen, student body secretary; Sharon Gramberg, assistant public relations; Curt McNeely, sophomore class vice president; Bob Golden, Vo-tech representative; Dick Storts, freshman class president; and Jewell Manspeaker, student government advisor.

All Community Colleges in Oregon were represented. Approximately 130 attended.

Other groups included the Oregon Student Interest Research Group (OSIRIG), the Young Voters For Peace, and a Washington student organization similar to the OCCSA. Also attending was the OCCA lobbyist, Dr. Shelton.

The convention also prepared for the upcoming OCCSA convention. The OCCSA passed resolutions to be presented to the OCCA convention. One is to secure accreditation for student government activities and another to add two articles to the OCCA Constitution.

Officers elected were Wally Lein, president, from Chemeketa; Jim Babe, vice president, from Umpqua; Ginger Wallis, treasurer, from Clackamas; and Ed Wolf, public relations officer, from Portland Community. No Clatsop College students ran for office.

"It was a very worthwhile convention and a lot was accomplished," commented Kent Israel.

The next OCCSA Convention will be held at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, next fall.

College Budget And Board Elections Set For May 3

Election of two board members and the annual budget election of Clatsop Community College is scheduled for Monday, May 3, in conjunction with the elections of other schools in Clatsop County.

Because the financial woes of the college during the past few years are being well resolved, the local tax levy needed to operate the college next year will have a reduced cost per thousand, and will be around \$3,000 less than the current year's levy. Even though the college

program is being expanded in several areas, the lower levy is possible because interest and payments on indebtedness have been eliminated, President Phillip Bainer stated.

Terms of two board members are expiring, that of Kermit Gimm, Astoria, and Max Schaffer, Sr., Seaside. Both men have decided not to seek office again. Announced candidates in Astoria are Jack Daly, Harry Swanson and Louis Washer. Candidates in Seaside are Max Schaffer, Jr. and Mrs. DeDee Beghtol.

Numerous Scholarships Offered To CCC Students

Several scholarships are being made available to Clatsop College students by local community organizations.

The Astoria branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a \$100 scholarship to a sophomore woman graduating from Clatsop in June who is planning to go on to a four-year school to major in education.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood will contribute a \$150 scholarship to an outstanding girl who will be a Clatsop sophomore this fall.

The Legalettes, a local secretaries' group, is providing a \$50 scholarship to a girl who will be a Clatsop sophomore this fall and who is majoring in secretarial science.

The Oregon Nurses' Association, Dist. 9, offers a \$300 scholarship to a Clatsop county student who plans to enter an accredited school of nursing in Oregon this summer or fall.

Crown Zellerbach Corporation offers two \$300 scholarships and four \$100 scholarships to either men or women who will be sophomores at Clatsop this fall.

Final selection in all these scholarships is made by a committee in the sponsoring organization upon recommendation of the faculty and consultation with the Clatsop scholarship committee. Qualifications include academic achievement, character, and promise of ser-

vise to society.

More information on these scholarships is available at the Office of Student Affairs at the college.

Righter Gets State Award



Cy Righter

The highest recognition of the Oregon Association of Future Farmers of America, the Honorary State Farmer Degree, was awarded to Mr. Cy Righter. The award was presented to Mr. Righter, livestock technology teacher here at Clatsop College, at the FFA state convention in Bend, Oregon on March 26. Mr. Righter is also an Honorary State Farmer in Washington.

Young Voters For Peace To Organize

Several students in a number of Oregon colleges have banded together in an attempt to end the war in Indo-China through a series of pledge cards.

The cards, made and distributed by Young Voters For Peace, state that the holder is pledged to register and vote in the 1972 national elections, but will not vote for any candidate who is not openly dedicated to complete withdrawal of all forces from Indo-China.

"The foreign policy of a democratic nation should be a reflection of the attitudes and aspirations of its peoples," state the organizers of the Portland-based project. Since the U.S. entered into an "advisory role" in Southeast Asia over 20 years ago, that role "has grown into the most tragic adventure of our history."

The project began at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, has spread throughout Oregon, and is now going nation-wide.

Bob Parsons, project chairman, hopes to have copies of all pledges delivered to the President and to Congress by June 1. "It's a tight deadline, and we need all the help we can get from all colleges," said Parsons in a telephone interview with the Courier.

Interested Clatsop College students may stop by the newsroom P225, for further details.

Honorary Receives 13 New Members



From left to right new Phi Theta Kappa members include Mike Barker, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Louise Landro, Astoria; Mike Brownlie, Astoria; Donna Oliver, Seaside; Joe Findley, Ontario; Robert Tepper, British Honduras; Steve Widmer, Tillamook; Judy Brooks, Astoria; Dan Matthews, Portland; William Peacock, LaGrande; Lisa Thompson, Astoria; and Joel Niemi, Portland. Not pictured is Martin Currie of Independence.

Forty Clatsop College Phi Theta Kappa members and initiates, with husbands and wives as guests, met Wednesday evening to initiate the 13 new members. Ceremonies conducted by President Bob Gillette and Paul See, faculty advisor, were held at the home of Mrs. Vera Gaul, college

counselor. Following the dinner, Clatsop's President, Phil Bainer spoke to the group.

The Phi Kappa Chapter on campus at Clatsop is affiliated with Phi Theta Kappa, national academic honorary for American junior colleges. To be eligible for induction into membership, students must have achieved a 3.5 grade point average.

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Student Council Wrong In Election Proceedings

The Constitution of the Clatsop College ASB calls for spring elections to be held no later than the end of the second week of spring term.

The 1971 elections were finally completed yesterday, the middle of the fourth week.

Elections are, according to the Constitution, under the control of the Election Committee. That committee is responsible for setting up dates and times of balloting, producing the ballots, and tabulating them following the election.

The Election Committee had originally set last week as the time for balloting. Three candidates submitted petitions for the major ASB position open; one each for president, secretary and treasurer. However, in the April 11 Student Council meeting, a motion was passed moving the election dates to the past three days.

The reason for the move is difficult to see. First, all positions had qualified candidates by the deadline. But, second and most important, the Student Council has no right changing those dates set by the Election Committee. Once that committee is appointed by the Council, the Council has no authority in the operation of the election.

Because this is not the first year problems have been encountered in getting the election off in time (it happened last year, too), something must be done to change the operation schedule of the spring elections. That, of course would require an amendment to the Constitution.

But it must be made clear to the Student Council that the way to correct problems in the Constitution is to change it, but not to bend it.

After Clatsop

By Jewell Manspeaker

Credit By Examination

Have you ever had the feeling that you should be teaching a class instead of the instructor? (Not at Clatsop, I'm sure; certainly not in Man and Society). Have you at least felt that you have had enough experience in one field or another to justify earning credit in a course or two without sitting through thirty-three classes first? I have, but I sat through the classes anyway. What else could I do?

At Clatsop, there is now something that you can do. You can challenge the courses in which you feel competent without taking them. You can earn up to twenty-four hours of credit through challenges. To challenge a course or courses, you should see Mr. Paul See, the Dean of Instruction, and formally request to have the chance to earn credit by examination. He will determine whether he believes it to be worth your time and money (\$15 per examination) to make a challenge, and then he will arrange to have an examination given to you by an instructor of the course you want to challenge.

More alternatives may be developed to allow you to show that you have had training or experience equivalent to courses we teach at Clatsop. We are studying standardized tests which attempt to determine competence in General Education courses with an eye toward granting a block of 18 credits to people who successfully complete the test, and we are trying to correlate courses taught in military schools with those we teach, so that we may give you credit for those experiences.

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Clatsop Forum

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To the Editor:

All Democrats in the Oregon State Legislature are for permitting, and in fact encouraging, the 18-year-olds and above to vote now in local and state elections. We wish to ratify the federal amendment to that effect but the Republicans are dragging their feet, hoping to avoid the inevitable as long as possible.

We Democrats walked out of the Assembly last Friday, April 2, because we were being man-handled on the 18-year-old vote issue.

Sincerely,
Howard Willis
State Representative

WAKE-UP!

Twain's Prediction Accurate

By Doug Sheaffer

Is there one among us who would object to peace? Of those supporting this worthy cause who would fight for it? We should all be prepared to do so. Sometimes it would seem to take a sledgehammer to make you realize there is a need for this particular fight. Well the hammer's falling, baby, so let's get it on!

I have come across an article on this subject that should be of interest to us all. It is written by an old gent by the name of Mark Twain and would seem to relate to the situation we are facing today. This is an excerpt from the book "The Mysterious Stranger":

"There never has been a just one, never an honorable one—on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful—as usual—will yell for the war. The pulpit will warily and cautiously object—at first; the great big bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war and will say, earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable and there is no necessity for it.' Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded, but it will not last long; those others will outshoot them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers—as earlier—but do not dare

CCC Students Back 18-Year-Old Vote

With the question of the 18-year-old vote amendment before the Oregon Legislature we decided to poll a few students on the matter. Questions asked were: Are you in favor of the vote? Do you plan to register for the next election? Should the Oregon Legislature pass the amendment or refer it to the people? As a general group, how do you think 18-year-olds will rank with other groups of voters?

MIKE KATRYNUK

I am in favor of the vote and I plan to register for the next election. If we are old enough to go to Vietnam we're old enough to vote. The people of Oregon should vote on the amendment; the people should run the show. Perhaps there should be some limitations, a test or something. I think 18-year-olds know more and take a more active part in things today.



DON KELLY

I am basically in favor of the amendment. I plan to register for the next election. The people of Oregon should vote on the amendment. I don't think 18-year-olds know as much as other groups, except in the Vietnam issue, but we should have the vote if capable. Maybe there should be a test to determine capability.



JOYLEE ARNALL

I am in favor of the vote and I'm going to register for the next election. The legislature should pass the amendment because the people would just turn it down again. 18-year-olds will be better informed and not any less capable than any other group.



RANDY HUNT

I am basically in favor of the measure and plan to register for the next election. I think 18-year-olds are ready for it. They are involved in the political aspects of American life and deserve the right to vote. The Legislature should pass the amendment because it is inevitable. If 18-year-olds will take their time they will be better informed.



LORELL KOSKELA

I am in favor of 18-year-olds voting and I will register for the next election. The Oregon Legislature should pass the amendment, because the people would pass it anyway. 18-year-olds might be better informed—they will be as good as voters as anyone else. I think we have made a good impression with the Bloodmobile and other activities.



say so. And now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the warcry and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame on the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those

conscience-soothing falsities and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them, and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

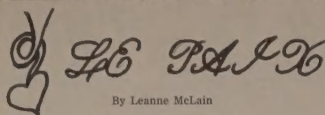
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By Leanne McLain

Don't Say Struggle Doesn't Avail

We cannot say that a struggle does not avail or that our labor and wounds are vain; for our enemies do not faint or fail. And as things have been they will remain.

If our hopes were deceiving then our fears may be liars. Yet whatever it may be, it is concealed in the smoke. While our friends chase now the fens, we possess all the fields. But while the tired waves are vainly breaking against the shores; it seems that here there is no painful inch to gain. Yet, far back, through creeks and inlets there comes in silence the flooding of the main.

And not is it seen through extern windows only, when the daylight comes, also the light comes in. In the front the sun climbs slowly and slower yet and out over the ocean westward we can see the sky and air is bright.

Looking Back On The ASBI Election

By Jeff Daly

In almost every election there is always a winner and a loser (except at Clatsop College where nobody ever bothers to run). And at the end of every election the loser should always be a good sport and give a concession speech. I often wonder if what the speaker is saying and thinking match. After the Clatsop election I listened to a loser give his speech and I was able to figure out what he was really thinking.

"First I want to thank all the people who worked so hard and so long in my campaign for nothing and who believed in me and what I stood for." Actually he was thinking, (if I could do it all over again, I'd get rid of those jerks and do it myself). "I'd also like to thank my campaign manager who worked endlessly on my behalf at a great sacrifice to himself." (The only reason he worked so hard was because I promised I'd get him a scholarship).

I would also like to say that I know my girl friend is disap-

pointed, but I couldn't have made it through campaign time without her loyalty and understanding." (She told me from the start I didn't have a chance, and as far as I was concerned I was crazy to even get into the race).

"As far as my opponent is concerned, I wish to congratulate him on his victory which he won fairly and squarely." (In one of the dirtiest campaigns in political history). "I know that he will serve the school to the best of his ability and I will personally do everything possible to support him in the great problems he will have to deal with in the future." (That's if he isn't impeached for rigging the ballot box).

"I would like to mention at this time how grateful I am to the press who treated me fairly and called the shots as they saw them." (I've never seen such a preed, lying bunch of hacks in my life. They couldn't write the truth if it was shoved down their throats). "As for campus TV, I would like to also

Morford To Leave College Staff In June

By Jim Roberts

Mr. McKean (Mac) Morford, is leaving teaching and Clatsop College, after 8 1/2 years of teaching, four of them at Clatsop in the fields of anthropology and geography. "I think a person should change what he's doing every once in a while, and I was ready for a change," says Mr. Morford.

Referring, I believe, to his attempted firing last year, for his support on behalf of long hair in violation of Clatsop's new defunct autocratic dress code, Mr. Morford says: "It was my decision. I turned down the contract. There are lots of things I want to do, and I'm looking forward for the time to do them."

He was specific, but sitting there before me was a picture of a man content within himself. "Everything looks kind of happy and rosy in the world," he said, meaning his world. "I've got a lot of hope. I've



got a lot of optimism for the future."

On Clatsop, Mr. Morford says, "I think its moving in the right direction right now, and it's got good administrators. As long as it fulfills the needs of the students, which it is doing, it is performing the job."

On students, Morford says, "They have to face up to the fact that anytime they want something, they're going to

have to ask for it. It is what they're doing that gives me hope. Young people are more tolerant, and tolerance is an extremely important thing." Morford continued, "for we're either going to have to become more tolerant, or one will never be able to go his way safely."

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Golf Team Has Busy Schedule



Frank Seeman and Doug Wirkkala are putting for their pars on the 11th hole at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Monday the Clatsop golfers hosted Lower Columbia in an 18-hole match.



Tom Dye's practicing before the match helped, as he won his match Monday shooting an 87. Dye had the lowest score for the Clatsop "hackers" and was the only winner.



The contour of the green can make the difference between a two or three put. Curt McNeely studies the green while Tom Wallis puts out. The next home match is April 26 against Centralia at the Astoria Golf Course.

Several Gifts To College

Clatsop Community College has been the recipient of several recent gifts from individuals and service organizations in the community.

One of the most recent contributions is a daylight movie screen, the gift of the Alpha Preceptor chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. The screen has been placed in the public conference room in the Dora Badollet library. Mrs. Eldon Korpela, president of the group, reports that their first meeting of the fall was held in the room where the need for a screen was apparent, so the chapter made this one of its projects for the year. Mrs. Royce Hill is vice president, Mrs. Donald Brunner, sec-

retary, and Mrs. Fred Ihander, treasurer.

The 70"x70" screen will be used in conjunction with the Bell and Howell movie projector, a gift last year from the local Zonta Club under the leadership of Mrs. Fern Phillips and Mrs. Sally Leino. The conference room and the new equipment is being used by faculty for previewing educational films and by public groups using filmed material in their meetings.

Other recent gifts have been the art books and paintings given by Mrs. Ardena Larson and the emergency power unit donated last fall by Pacific Northwest Bell.

Help Wanted

A two-year-old girl in Warrenton needs your help in order to complete an operation. Delina Morrison of Warrenton will be operated on sometime around May 7 or 10. If you are able or willing to give blood, please contact Mrs. Charles R. Newton at 861-2451.

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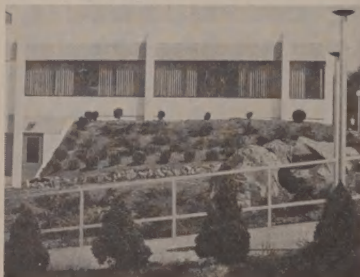
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Library Grounds Are Under Improvement



Beauty of area around library has improved over the past three weeks, with the planting of many shrubs by Clatsop College maintenance department.

Clatsop College maintenance men are taking advantage of the spring weather by proceeding with the landscaping of grounds surrounding the new library. Under the direction of Supervisor Henry Lunki, 100 prostrate junipers have been set out on the slopes between the library and the main entrance of the college. These will provide ground cover to stabilize

the soil as well as improve the appearance of the area. An equal number of arbor vitae plants have been set out as borders and foundation plantings.

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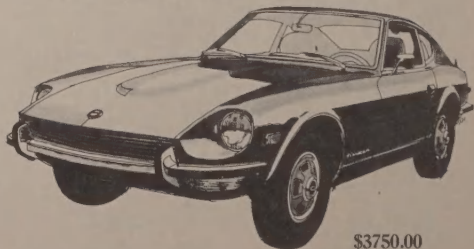
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